Shortage of IPS officers

†2629. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of officers of Indian Police Service is less than the required number and many posts are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the number of vacant posts and since when these are laying vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact some States have requested the Central Government to meet the shortage of IPS officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to meet this shortage at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The gap between the Total Authorized Strength of Indian Police Service and number of officers in-position is a regular feature due to superannuation, voluntary retirement, resignation, dismissal, death, periodic review of cadre strength etc. As on 1.1.2006, the Total Authorized Strength of Indian Police Service was 3851, against which 329 IPS officers were in position. The vacancies in IPS are filled up through Civil Services Examination conducted every year by UPSC and by appointment of SPS officers to IPS, which is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) Some states, particularly Jharkahand, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Chhattisgarh have requested for State to State deputation of IPS officers of SP rank.

(e) The Central Government has increased direct recruitment to IPS from Civil Services Examinaton, 2002 onwards. IPS officers are also being sent on State to State deputation.

Modernisation of police forces

2630. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken steps towards modernization of Police forces in the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in order to combat the growing Naxal violence the Central Government propose to modernize the State Police forces which are engaged in battle with Naxalites;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to impart training to police personnel in modern warfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme for modernization of State Police forces (MPF Scheme), Central assistance is given to all the States for modernization of their police forces. The Scheme covers the major aspects of police infrastructure viz., construction of secured police stations, out posts, police lines, efficient transport, modern weaponry, security and surveillance equipment. communication systems, modern equipment for forensic laboratories, training infrastructure, police housing etc. Central assistance of Rs. 705.27 crore, Rs. 960.00 crore and Rs. 1025 crore were released to the State Governments during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively.

(c) to (e) Under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, a special component has been provided for strengthening police infrastructure in the naxal affected districts, by making a provision of Rs. 2.00 crore per affected district.

Government of India is also implementing the Secrurity Related Expenditure (SRE) for the nine States affected with naxalism. Under the Scheme, expenditure incurred by the States for combating naxalism is reimbursed in the manner specified under the Scheme. Amounts of Rs. 954.38 lakh, Rs. 831.71 lakh and Rs. 1098.52 lakh were reimbursed to the naxal affected States in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.

The focus of the MPF Scheme is to mdernize the police forces and enhance their capability to effectively engage with the naxalites. The emphasis is equally on modern equipment as on better training. The State Governments are being constantly advised to upgrade training level of their police personnel in counter guerrilla tactics. Modern weapons, communication system and mine proof vehicles are being provided to them through Central assistance.